GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
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VIOLATION OF CENSORSHIP PROVISIONS
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether cases of violation of censorship provisions relating to films continue to proliferate;

(b) if so, the number of such cases reported during each of the last three years; and

(c) the steps taken if any, to check such practices and results thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD)

(a), (b) & (c): The number of complaints relating to censorship violations received by Central Board of Film Certification (CBFC) in various forms in several States and Union Territories during 2000, 2001 and 2002 were 57, 144 and 105 respectively.

With a view to ensuring strict compliance of the provisions of the Cinematograph Act, 1952, the CBFC on a test case basis had hired a private detective agency for carrying out regular checks in cinema theatres initially in the four metropolitan cities during the period from 01.05.2001 to 30.04.2002. The Agency carried out checks in 1859 theatres in the four metropolitan cities and caused 31 cases to be registered. It has been decided to extend the engagement of detective agencies to carry out checks in cinema halls to all the regional centres of CBFC in the 10th Plan.